संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) (क) से (ग) जी, नहीं। जिला और पंचायत स्तरों पर परामर्श दात्री समितियों के गठन का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।तथापि, जिन जिलों के टेलीफोन नेटवर्क का कार्यनिदेशक अथवा इससे ऊपर के अधिकारी के अधीन होता है, वहां दूरसंचार/टेलीफोन परामर्शदात्री समिति गठित की जाती है ।

Setting up of Post Offices in every Gram Panchayat in Gujarat

1893. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a Post Office in every Gram Panchayat in Gujarat during 1994-95;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken and the target fixed by Government during the period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) During 1994-95 Government have decided to set up new branch post offices, subject to fulfilment of prescribed norms and availability of resources as per the following order of priority in Gujarat:—

(i) At the Panchayat Headquarters of Gram Panchayat areas having no Post Office.

(ii) Other Panchayat Head Quarter, and

(iii) Other areas.

(b) Under the Annual Plan 1994-95 it has been decided to open 4 branch Post offices and 10 Departmental Sub-Offices in Gujarat. The details are as given below:—

Branch Offices		Total	Departmental Sub offices		Total
Tribal Areas	Other Areas		Tribal Areas	Other Areas	
1	3	4	3	7	10

Radio paging facility for Hyderabad

1894. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed a radio paging facility for Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Tenders were invited in July, 1992 from Registered Indian Companies for operation of Radio Paging Services on a non-exclusive basis, for 27 major cities of India. Hyderabad was also included in the tender.

(c) Four companies have been selected for the operation of Radio Paging Service for the city of Hyderabad. Three companies have accepted the letter of intent and one of these three companies has signed the licence agreement. The details are given in the attached Statement (*See* below) However, the case is sub-judice in the High Court of Delhi, but there is no stay.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Remarks
1.	M/s. Easy Call Comunications (India) Pvt. Ltd. LB/5 Ansal Bhavan, 16. Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110 001.	LOI accepted & Licence Agreement signed on 8th July 1994.
2.	M/s. India Telecomp, Telecomp House, L-12, South Extension-II, New Delhi-110 049.	LOI Accepted
3.	M/s. Hutchison Max Telecom, 12th Floor, Devika Tower, 6 Nehru Place, New Delhi-110 019.	-do-
4.	M/s. Mobile Communications Ltd., 505, New Delhi House, 27, Bnarakhamba Road, New Delhi-110 001.	LOI not accepted.

Privatisation of Postal Services

1895. **SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY**: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to privatise some portion of postal services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to utilise the services of the large number of the unemployed youth of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. The schemes offering job opportunity for unemployed youths are in operation for sale of stamps and departmental stationeries in areas where Post Office cannot be opened due to financial and other constrains These schemes are-

(i) *Licensed stamp vendors* : The Stamp Vendors are the licensee of the Post Office and their work is limited to sale of postal stamps and stationery on a fixed commission. The commission for sale of stamps at present is 5 per cent for normal areas and 5—10 per cent for hilly/tribal areas. The Stamp Vendors can sell any amount of stamps and stationery without any restrictions.

(ii) *Post Shop*: *Facility is* now available to have suitable use of space in selected post offices on payment of appropriate licence fee for providing STD/ISD and Fax service as also sale of stationery, Greeting Cards, packing materials, books and magazines.

Telephones out of order in Delhi

1896. **SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH**: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephones which remained out of order for more than a week during the last two months in Shakti Nagar Telephone Exchange in Delhi;